



Course Planning 2025-2026 Year Grade 9 to 10

Ms. Tsui

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February 12th - deadline

The Course Planning Process

- ▶ Counsellor presents course planning information to students in January
- ▶ Selections should be well researched
- ▶ Read the course description booklet available on our school website & DTCOUNSELLING.CA
- ▶ If more information is required, check-in with the course's current teachers
- ▶ Discuss choices with parents/guardians
- ▶ Choices should be firm prior to entering requests into MyEd.
- ▶ Next year's timetable and staffing are based on these choices
- ▶ Students' schedules are generated randomly based on the information that students submit to MyEd.
- ▶ We try to give you all the courses you request. If we cannot and your timetable is incomplete, please see Ms. Tsui, appointments available in August.

Counsellors' Job

PROVIDE

Provide academic, career and personal counselling

INFO

Provide course information and graduation requirements

GRAD

Keep current on Graduation/Post-Secondary requirements

ANSWER

Answer questions and direct to resources

Students' & Parents' Job

Investigate	Investigate options/interests
Research	Research courses available/required
Ask ?'s	Speak to Counsellor & Teachers for guidance
Complete	Complete course selection by entering course requests into MyEd
GRAD/PSI	Meet both: Graduation requirements & Post-Secondary specific program requirements

The Graduation Program

- To earn a Dogwood Diploma in BC and satisfy all graduation requirements, you must complete a minimum of 80 credits. Each DT course is worth 4 credits. Approved grade 10, 11, and 12 courses count for credit.
- Some courses are required and others are electives.
- *Note: most DT students graduate with 92+ credits.*
- 52 credits (13 courses) in required “core” courses:
 - Language Arts 10, 11, & 12
 - Social Studies 10 & 11 or 12
 - Science 10 & 11 or 12
 - Math 10, 11 or 12
 - Physical Education 10
 - Career Education 10
 - Fine Arts and/or ADST 10, 11 or 12
 - Career Life Connections 12 with Capstone
- 28 credits in elective courses (seven courses)
- You also need to write three provincial exams
 - Numeracy 10 Assessment
 - Literacy 10 Assessment
 - Literacy 12 Assessment

One of your courses in grades 11 or 12 must be an INDIGENOUS FOCUSED COURSE (e.g. English 11/12 First Peoples; BC First Peoples 12)



GRADE 10 MANDATORY COURSES

- English 10 (2 + 2)
 - Socials 10
 - Math 10
 - Science 10
 - PE 10 or NFL PE (application+interview)
 - Career Life Ed 10
- *Literacy 10 exam
- *Numeracy 10 exam

REQUIRED COURSES

Grade 10

- English 10 (2 + 2)
- Socials 10
- Math 10
- Science 10
- PE 10
- Career Life Ed 10

*Literacy 10 exam

*Numeracy 10 exam

Grade 11

- English 11
- Social Studies 11 or 12
- Mathematics 11
- Science 11 or 12

Grade 12

- An English 12
- CLC & Capstone

*16 credits at Grade 12 Level

*Literacy 12 exam

Credits

**NEW INDIGENOUS FOCUSED GRAD REQUIREMENT in
Grade 11 or 12 in English or Socials - discuss more next year**

- ▶ Gr 10: 8 courses = 32 credits
- ▶ Gr 11: 8 courses = 32 credits
- ▶ Gr 12: 8 courses = 32 credits

(If you take a study block in Grade 12: you would earn 28 credits)

TOTAL = 92 to 96 credits *this is assuming you pass all your courses

EXTERNAL CREDITS - music, dance, sport, driver's ed, scouts, guides - must provide proof (certification, transcript etc).

Google - "BC External Credits" and provide certificates to Ms. Tsui. This can be done in Grade 10, 11 or 12

Summer School

- ▶ If you do not pass a Grade 9 class such as English, Socials, Science, Math - you MUST take **Summer School REVIEW** in order to progress to the next level in Grade 10. See Ms. Tsui.
- ▶ In order to accelerate, you can take a maximum of 2 Grade 10 Completion courses (each course is 3.5 hours per day; 5 weeks in the summer). You MUST commit to this plan of taking a summer school course in order to choose a grade 11 level course.
 - ▶ Ex. Successfully pass Science 10 in summer school → choose a Science 11 for September 2025
 - ▶ **REMINDER** - senior students get priority for senior classes. You may get bumped out for a student who needs it for graduation.
 - ▶ **Summer school registration is in May - more info to come**

SUMMER SCHOOL - 3.5hrs/day

AM and PM

- ▶ Summer School info - April
- ▶ Summer School registration - May
- ▶ Grade 10 academic courses available in order for you to advance to a Grade 11 level course.

*****Senior Students are ALWAYS prioritized to be able to take Senior Level Courses*****

*****please *KNOW* your ability level in that course*****

For example, can you really learn Math 10 in 4 weeks and be prepared to do well in Math 11?

Science 10 covers Bio, Chem, Physics is 4 weeks enough for you to well in Chem 11?

Language Arts 10

Language Arts 10 is a 4 credit course. However, it is divided into two components each component being 2 credits.

All Students will be automatically enrolled in:

Literary Studies (2 Credits)

- ▶ Increase literacy skills through close reading of appropriately challenging texts
- ▶ Expand development as education global citizens
- ▶ Develop balance and broaden understanding of themselves and world
- ▶ Develop higher level thinking and learning skills



Language Arts 10 Options

COMPOSITION (2 credits)

- Narrative, expository, descriptive, persuasive, and opinion pieces.
- Planning, drafting and editing processes
- Writing for specific audiences & specific disciplines
- How to cite sources, consider the credibility of evidence and evaluate the quality and reliability

CREATIVE WRITING

(2 credits)

- Contemporary creative forms such as slam poetry, oratory rap, song, graphic novels, creative non-fiction, historical fiction
- Multimodal creative forms that combine visual written and oral texts

Language Arts 10 Options (Continued)

NEW MEDIA

- Media and film studies, globalization of the media industry, influence of media on people's perceptions, documentaries in the age of new media
- Journalism and publishing/digital communication

MATH OPTIONS

MWPM 10: Workplace Math 10

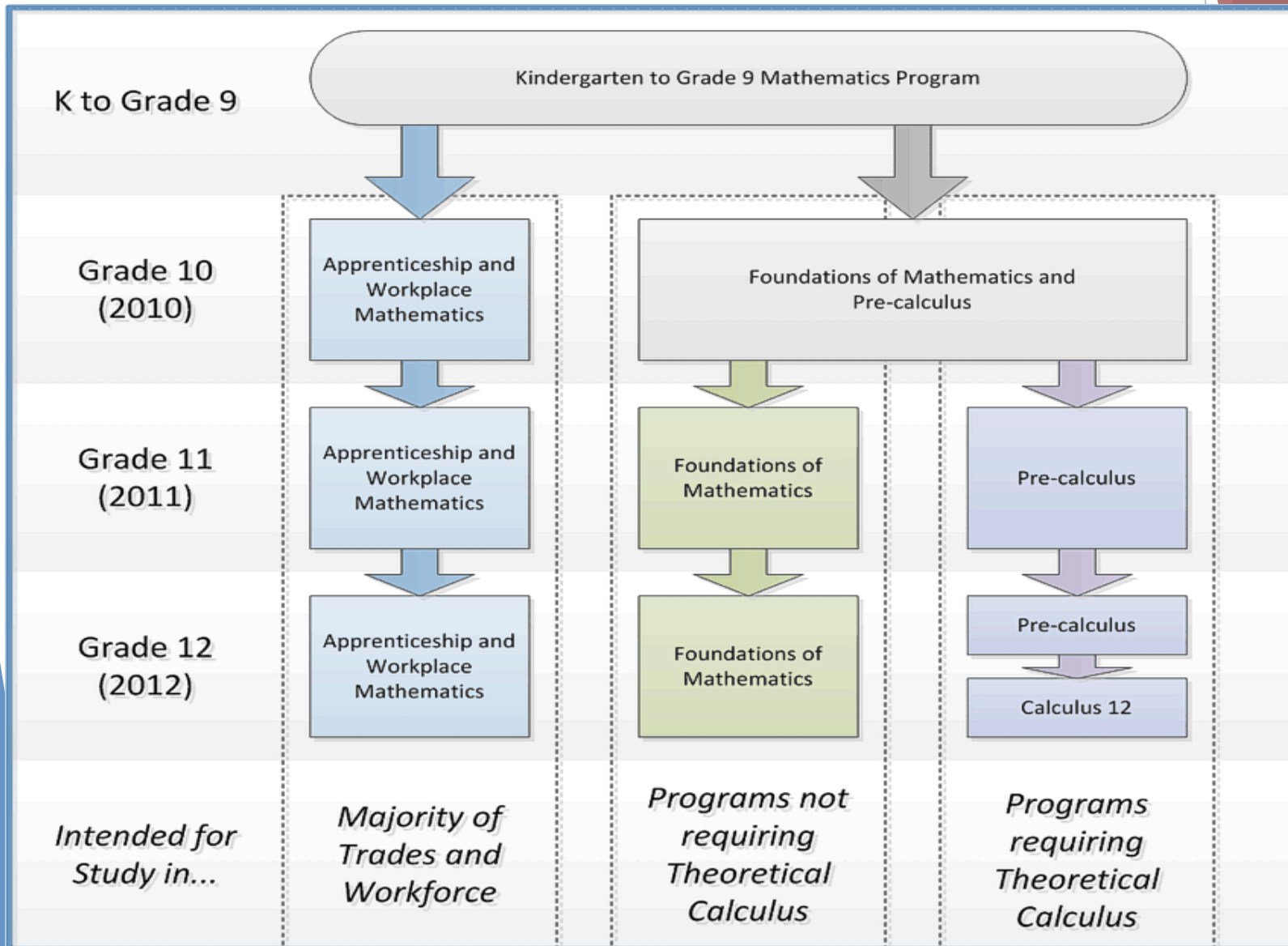
- ▶ Trigonometrics
- ▶ Graphs
- ▶ Data analysis
- ▶ Unit conversions
- ▶ Surface Area/Volume
- ▶ Financial Literacy

MFMP-10: Foundations and Pre-Calc 10

- ▶ Operations on powers with integral exponents
- ▶ Linear equations
- ▶ Multiplication of polynomial expressions
- ▶ Polynomial factoring
- ▶ Experimental probability
- ▶ Financial literacy

Math Considerations

* check institution for specific requirements *



Math 9 Marks + Workplace Math

If you get an Emerging in Math 9:

- ▶ Students should select WPM - Workplace Math 10 unless you intend to take summer school, take a skills block, get a tutor, get support etc.
- ▶ Workplace Math 10 counts towards graduation and many post-secondary programs
- ▶ Emerging means any mark between 0% to 59%
- ▶ Important to choose the right math for you!
- ▶ Recommendations on Final Report Cards Comments

Learning Strategies YLE- -0A

IF you receive an Emerging in Math or English 9 or multiple Emerging grades in academic subjects, it is **RECOMMENDED** you select a **SKILLS BLOCK**.

This is a tutorial/homework block that supports your academic subjects with a teacher, support worker, peer tutors, and **EXTRA TIME**. You get credit for this block.

IF YOU have a **SKILLS BLOCK ALREADY** this year, you should select skills again unless you discuss with your skills teacher, parents, and counsellor

Career Life Education 10 - required

In CLE 10 students learn how to effectively manage their life journey toward preferred future possibilities. Career and Life focused.

Two Options

1. **On-timetable** 1 of your 8 courses MCLE-10
2. **Off-timetable** as a 9th course

MCLE-10CO1

*The course codes are different.

*Ensure you are selecting the correct one.

Language Electives

- ▶ French Gr 8-12
- ▶ Spanish Gr 9-12, Spanish Intro 11
- ▶ Mandarin Gr 9-12
- ▶ Punjabi Intro 11, Punjabi 11, Punjabi 12

- ▶ If you have prior knowledge in Mandarin (select Mand 9) or Punjabi (select Punjabi Intro 11) AND PICK UP a survey form from the counselling suite.

Do I Need A Second Language?

- A second language is not required for graduation
- A Grade 11 level second language is not required for most BC University entrances
 - Most other provinces do not require
 - USA schools do not require
 - Check each university requirements carefully as they may differ
- Colleges, Apprenticeship and Trade Programs do not require a second language for entrance

BENEFITS OF LEARNING A 2ND LANGUAGE

Career opportunities

Companies value employees who can speak more than one language, (international clients or travel for work).

Cognitive benefits

Learning a second language can improve your memory, brain function, and problem-solving skills.

Cultural enrichment

Learning a second language can help you understand other cultures.

Improved academic performance

Studies show that bilingual and multilingual children outperform other children academic areas.

Expanded vocabulary

Learning a second language can help you improve your vocabulary in your native language.



Language Challenge Exam delta school board

- ▶ Register in Oct
- ▶ Full day exam in Jan/Feb
- ▶ Language requirement met - no mark for post secondary
- ▶ Take 11 then 12*
- ▶ \$50 Deposit

French 12	French 11
Korean 12	Korean 11
Japanese 11	Mandarin 12 (traditional)
Japanese 12	Mandarin 12 (simplified)
Mandarin 11 (simplified)	Punjabi 11
Mandarin 11 (traditional)	Punjabi 12
	Spanish 11
	Spanish 12

Fine Arts Electives

- Concert Band/Concert Band Beginner
- Jazz Band (off timetable)
- Choir
- Guitar
- Animation/Film Studies
- Visual Art: Drawing and Painting
- Dance: Choreography
- Drama
- Theatre Performance
- 3D Art: Ceramics & Sculpture

Applied Skills (ADST) Electives

Technical Education

- Animation
- Drafting
- Electronics
- Graphic Arts/Photography
- Jewelry
- Metal Art/Technology
- Photography
- Auto/Power Mechanics
- Robotics
- Woodwork
- Yearbook

Business Education

- Accounting
- Marketing
- Business Communications
- Data Management
- Money Management
- Economic Studies

Home Economics

- Food Studies
- Fibre Arts
- Clothing & Textiles
- Cafeteria Training

Start Thinking About...

Personal Future
Choices
(What do I like? What
do I need? Where am I
going?)

Current Grad
Requirements

Post-Secondary
Admission
Requirements
University, Colleges,
Technical Schools, etc.

Post-Secondary Pathways

- ▶ High School → Job
- ▶ High School → College
- ▶ High School → Trade school
- ▶ High School → University
- ▶ High School → College → University



College
vs
University

Sources for Further Research

As you course plan for next year, and begin to consider your path for the future, you will likely require more information. Please take the time to take advantage of the following sources during your investigation:

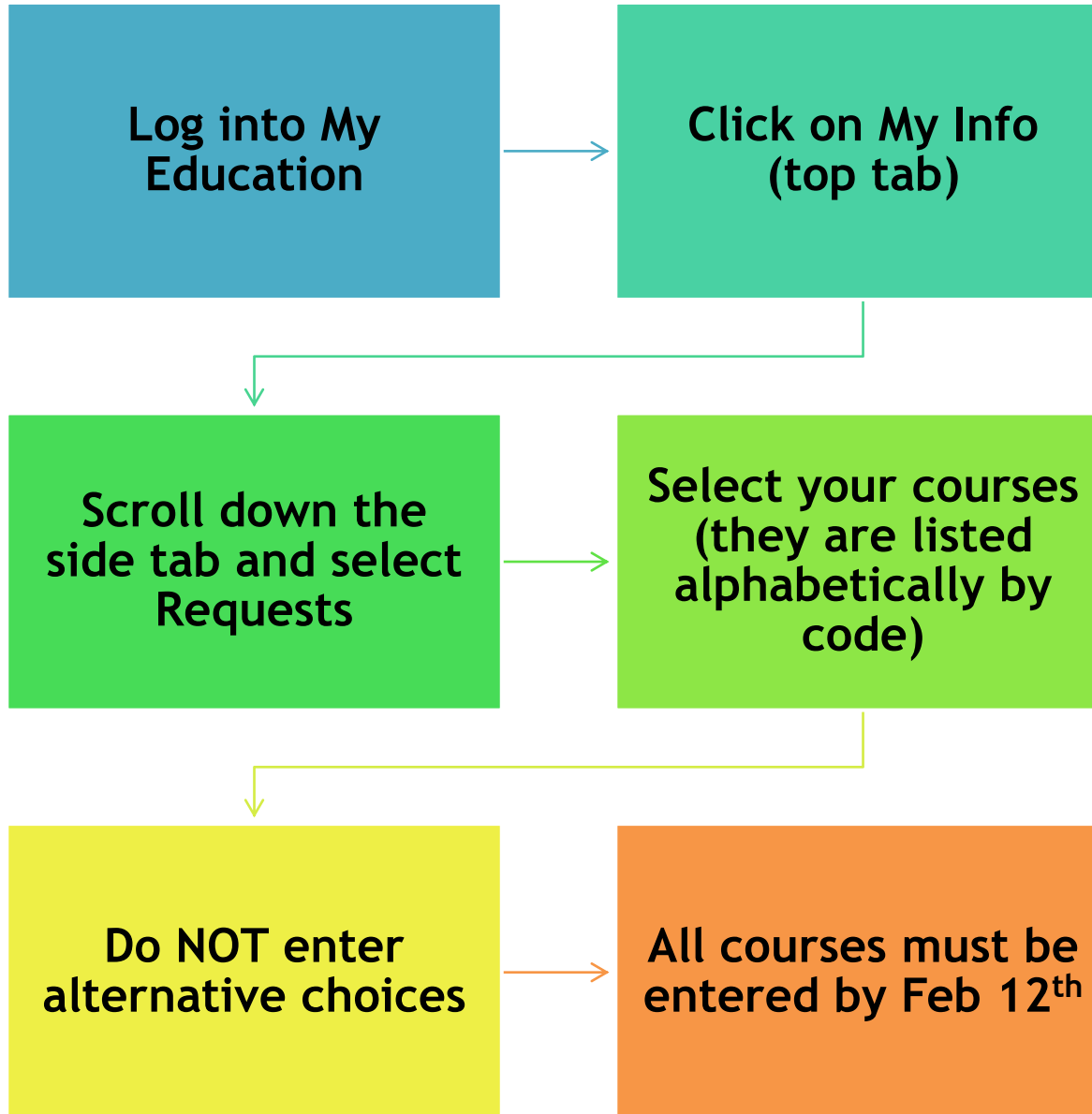
1. Talk to **other students** in your grade and higher grades.
2. Visit **teachers** of subjects in your areas of interest to learn more.
3. Discuss with **parents**, other family members and important adults in your life about your interests and plans.
4. Read in more detail the “**Course Planning Guide**”, available on David Thompson’s website, thompson.vsb.bc.ca or on drcounselling.ca
5. **Visit your counsellor AFTER** you’ve done your research

Balance

- ★ Self-care
- ★ Realistic expectations
- ★ Stress-management
- ★ Normal to not know what you want, think about what you want to TRY
- ★ Make your own decisions, it's your schedule



How Do I Input My Courses?



Choose your courses wisely...

It may be difficult to
change them

Your selection are
REQUESTS; timetables
created may be different
based on many factors.

VISIT www.dtcounselling.ca
for ALL COURSE PLANNING
information.

IN SUMMARY

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